

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented): A precipitated silica characterized by

BET 350 - 550 m<sup>2</sup>/g

DBP number 350 - 400 g/100 g

d<sub>50</sub> 5 - 15 μm, and

tamped density	20 to less than 70 g/l.
----------------	-------------------------

2. (Original): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle size distribution

$$\frac{d_{90} - d_{10}}{d_{50}}$$

is from 0.90 to 1.5.

3. (Original): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gloss angle  
gloss values are:

60°                      15 - 25 and

85° 50 - 70.

4. (Original): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 2, wherein the gloss angle  
gloss values are:

60°                      15 - 25 and

85°                      50 - 70.

5. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

6. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1 as a matting agent.

7. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 2 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

8. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 2 as a matting agent.

9. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 3 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

10. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 3 as a matting agent.

11. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 4 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

12. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 4 as a matting agent.

13. (Previously Presented): A wax-coated precipitated silica characterized by

Application No. 10/656,164  
Amendment

BET                    350 - 550 m<sup>2</sup>/g

DBP number    350 - 400 g/100 g

d<sub>50</sub>                    5 - 15 μm

tamped density            20 to less than 70 g/l

carbon content            2 - 18% by weight.

14. (Original): The wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein  
the particle size distribution

$$\frac{d_{90} - d_{10}}{d_{50}}$$

is from 0.90 to 1.5.

15. (Original): A wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein the  
gloss angle gloss values are:

60°                      15 - 25 and

85°                      50 - 70.

16. (Original): A wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 14, wherein the gloss angle gloss values are:

60°                      15 - 25 and

85°                      50 - 70.

17. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

18. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13 as a matting agent.

19. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 14 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

20. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 14 as a matting agent.

21. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 15 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

22. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 15 as a matting agent.

23. (Currently Amended): A process for increasing the matting effect of a paint or ink comprising adding the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 16 as a matting agent to said paint or ink.

24. (Original): A paint or ink, which includes the precipitated silica as claimed in claim 16 as a matting agent.

25. (Previously Presented): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  $d_{50}$  value is from 7-11  $\mu\text{m}$ .

26. (Previously Presented): The wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein the  $d_{50}$  value is from 7-11  $\mu\text{m}$ .

27. (Previously Presented): The precipitated silica as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tamped density is 20-60 g/l.

28. (Previously Presented): The wax-coated precipitated silica as claimed in claim 13, wherein the tamped density is 20-60 g/l.